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**Proposed Bill No. 6916**

LCO No. 1678



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT EXPANDING REMEDIES AND POTENTIAL LIABILITY FOR  
UNREASONABLY CONTESTED OR DELAYED WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION CLAIMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to ensure that: (1) Injured  
2 workers are treated timely for their injuries so they do not suffer  
3 additional mental or physical deterioration because of unnecessary  
4 delays in care for their work related injuries, (2) the workers'  
5 compensation insurance program provide coverage when a worker  
6 has provided proof that the injury occurred at work and medical  
7 treatment was ordered by the proper physician and is within the  
8 standard of practice for the injury sustained and the total condition of  
9 the worker, (3) if the standard of practice is adhered to, then the  
10 burden shifts to the insurance company for any additional hearings, (4)  
11 payment for care is coordinated between the employer or agent acting  
12 on behalf of the employer's insurance company or between the  
13 insurance company or agent for the employer and the Medicaid  
14 program, (5) delays in care are not part of coordination of benefits  
15 between the insurance companies, and (6) if a pattern of hearing delay  
16 occurs with any particular insurance company, then the Unfair

17 Insurance Practices Act applies to such insurance company.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To (1) prevent injured workers from losing their jobs due to undue delay in care, (2) limit the number of times doctors and attorneys attend hearings to ensure injured workers receive timely medical care, (3) prevent injured workers from going on long-term disability and losing their jobs, (4) help employers retain well-trained staff, and (5) prevent shifting the cost of workers' compensation insurance coverage to the Medicaid program.